

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

As many people who's regular bills (including insurance, gas and food costs) continue to increase and salaries remain the same or decrease, we can barely afford the services we have. As it is, 43% of our home landline phone bill consist of access charges, taxes, surcharges and other fees. I don't understand how anyone can think that this is OK - and you are wanting to increase this. That is criminal!!

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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